



Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution Mission

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FACT SHEET

“Definitive Answers about Mars Climate History”

Science Objectives

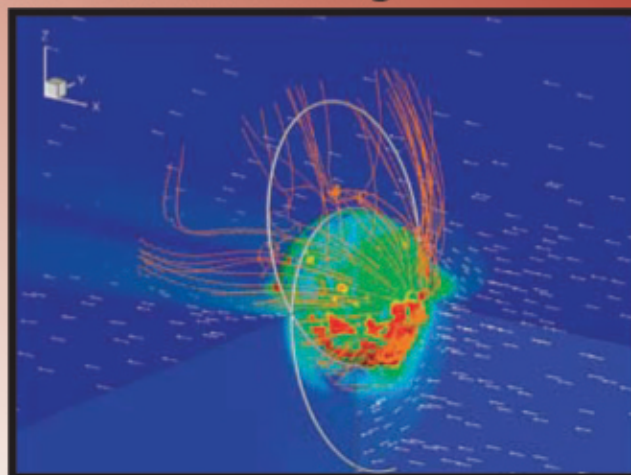
- Determine the role that loss of volatiles from the Mars atmosphere to space has played through time, allowing us to understand the histories of Mars' atmosphere and climate, liquid water, and planetary habitability
- Determine the current state of the upper atmosphere, ionosphere, and interactions with the solar wind
- Determine the current rates of escape of neutrals and ions to space and the processes controlling them
- Determine the ratios of stable isotopes that will tell us the history of loss through time

Importance to Mars Exploration Program

- Comprehensively addresses key science objectives for upper atmosphere, solar-wind interaction, and escape to space, as defined by MEPAG (2006) and the NRC (2003)

Why MAVEN?

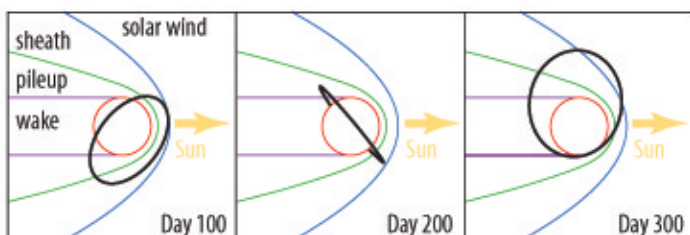
- Unparalleled Mars upper-atmosphere science products and results
- A high-fidelity mission cost based on prior Mars missions
- The highest level of mission success based on Mars-proven spacecraft hardware and processes and flight-proven instruments



Unique data products achieve innovative science objectives, as seen here in a MAVEN team simulation of solar-wind impingement and ion escape.

Mission Overview

- Leave Earth on an EELV between November 18 and December 7, 2013
- Mars Orbit Insertion (MOI) on September 16, 2014 (for 11/18 launch)



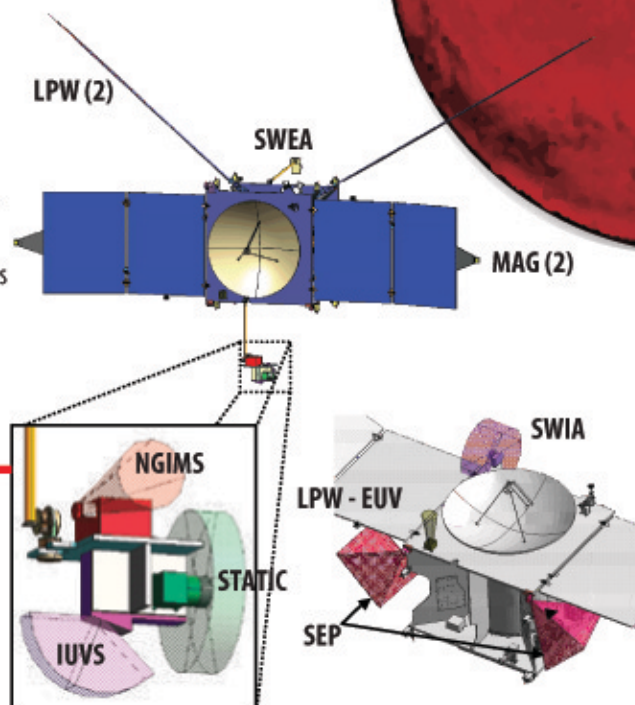
MAVEN's orbit (black line) supports measurements over most latitudes and local times.

- 75° inclination, 4.5 hour period, 150 km periapsis altitude science orbit
- Over a 1-year period, obtain detailed measurements of the upper atmosphere, ionosphere, planetary corona, solar wind, solar EUV and SEPs, thus defining the interactions between the Sun and Mars
- Perform 5 “Deep Dip Campaigns” to altitudes near 125 km during the 1-year mission. Each campaign is 5 days in duration and captures previously unobtainable science measurements

Comprehensive Science Payload With Extensive Flight Experience

- **Particles and Fields (P&F) Package:**
 - Solar Wind Electron Analyzer (SWEA) – Measures solar wind, and ionospheric electrons
 - Solar Wind Ion Analyzer (SWIA) – Measures solar wind and magnetosheath ion density and velocity
 - Suprathermal and Thermal Ion Composition (STATIC) – Measures thermal ions to moderate-energy escaping ions
 - Solar Energetic Particle (SEP) – Determines the impact of SEPs on the upper atmosphere
 - Langmuir Probe and Waves (LPW) – Determines ionospheric properties and wave heating of escaping ions, and solar EUV input to atmosphere
 - Magnetometer (MAG) – Measures interplanetary, solar wind, and ionospheric magnetic fields
- **Remote Sensing (RS) Package:**
 - Imaging Ultraviolet Spectrometer (IUVS) – Measures global characteristics of the upper atmosphere and ionosphere
- **Neutral Gas and Ion Mass Spectrometer (NGIMS):**
 - Measures the composition and isotopes of thermal neutrals and ions

All Instrument FOVs are Fully Accommodated



MAVEN Mission Management

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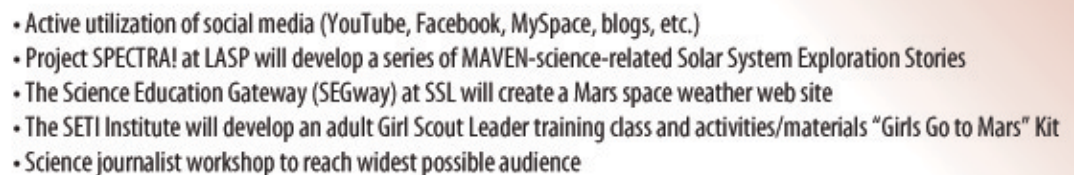
- ## The MAVEN Science Team

- ## Flight Systems Characteristics

- ## Ground Data System

- ## Key Margins

- ### Education and Public Outreach



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